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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

At page 6, lines 26-34 please insert the following replacement paragraph:

According to a further aspect the invention also relates to a cartridge for receiving, storing and unloading a plurality of stacked testing devices, wherein the cartridge ~~comprising~~ comprises a housing defining an internal passage for said stack of sticks, and wherein the housing ~~comprising~~ comprises: a lower charge opening for receiving said stack of testing devices, a support member for supporting a lower testing device in said stack, an upper abutment surface for engaging with an upper testing device in the stack, and an upper discharge opening, substantially aligned with said upper testing device, so as to allow discharge of said upper testing device by displacing the same along said abutment surface.

At page 7, lines 1-3 please insert the following replacement paragraph:

The housing of the cartridge may be assembled by two halves, together defining oppositely side surfaces, and a front and a back surface~~[[.]]~~. And and wherein the two halves are ~~detachable detachably~~ or ~~non-detachable~~ non-detachably assembled.

At page 7, lines 6-7 please insert the following replacement paragraph:

The cartridge further ~~comprising~~ comprises a discharge opening which comprises guiding trails or incisions for guiding a testing device upon discharging

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At page 7, lines 15-18 please insert the following replacement paragraph:

The one-way stair inside the cartridge allows the movable support member to move in a direction towards the upper abutment surface, only. The one-way means ~~comprise~~ comprises at least one succession of teeth, such as a rack or ratchet teeth, and at least one pawl member co-operating therewith.

At page 7, line 34 - page 8, line 9 please insert the following replacement paragraph:

The invention further relates to a load device for loading a stack of testing devices into a cartridge, the load device comprising: a base member, a first and a second column oppositely arranged and extending upwards from said base member, and being adapted to receive and hold one or more testing devices there between, and a lifting device for slidably lifting one ~~of~~ or more testing devices along said columns. Each column comprises a groove for receiving and guiding an end of a test stick. The lifting device comprises a handle for manually sliding said lifting device along said columns. The lifting device is preferably automatically slid along said columns. The lifting device further comprises a support surface for supporting at least a part of the lower testing device in said stack of testing devices.

At page 8, lines 18-23 please insert the following replacement paragraph:

The invention further relates to a method for loading a plurality of testing devices into a cartridge by using a load device, the load device comprising: a base member, a first and a second column oppositely arranged and extending upwards from said base member, and being adapted to receive and hold one or more testing devices there between, and a lifting device for slidably lifting one of

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or more testing devices along said columns, ☐ the method comprising the steps of: stacking one or more testing devices between the columns, guide an empty cartridge from above the columns and down towards the base member, lifting the lifting device in order to push the sticks upwards until the upper most testing device abuts an upper abutment surface of said cartridge, removing the cartridge loaded with the sticks from said load device.

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